

# THE TIMES.

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST.

### Personal and Literary.

—Bierstadt is among the canyons of Colorado, probably with a view to another picture.

—Miss Kate Field will appear in London next season in a new play written expressly for her use.

—Miss Carlotta Patti, sister to Adeline Patti, is hopelessly ill with a complication of maladies arising from the diseased hip-joint which caused her lameness.

—The leading actress in the new German Theater at Milwaukee, Wis., Miss Muhlbach, is a daughter of Louisa Muhlbach, the well known German novelist.

—Miss Jenny Bancroft, a recent graduate of Syracuse University, has become dean of the Woman's College of the Northwestern University.

—Colonel Richard Realf, John Brown's Secretary of State, is arranging for the publication of a book of verse in the autumn. He used to write poetry for the *Atlantic Monthly*.

—The volume of memoirs of Daniel Webster left by the late Peter Harvey, of Boston, will be published in the fall. Mr. Harvey signed the preface a few days before his death.

—Thomas Ball, the sculptor, is at work in Florence upon the model of the proposed statue of Charles Sumner, to be erected in Boston. The model will be shipped to the United States this fall.

—The author of the old song, "Listen to the Mocking-bird," which has been sung and whistled and played and strummed and drummed and banged and clattered all over the world, with all possible variations, was not "Alice Hawthorne," as the title page announced, but Mr. Septimus Winner of Philadelphia, who took his mother's name as a nom de plume.

—Mr. James Taylor Innes has in the fifth supplement of the *Popular Science Monthly* an article entitled "The Trial of Jesus Christ," which is expected to make a genuine literary sensation. He reviews the trial from a legal standpoint, subjects the evidence to a searching cross-examination, and proves that, judged by what students know of the old Hebrew law, it was illegal from beginning to end.

### Science and Industry.

—Twelve hundred manufacturers in Connecticut are not paying expenses.

—The reefs near Key West, Florida, furnished \$8,000 worth of sponges in one week lately.

—The best ostrich feathers come from Africa, and the trade is almost entirely monopolized by Jews.

—Among the patents recently issued are several to Mr. Holly, of waterwork fame, for his system of warming a city by steam, supplied, as gas and water are now, through a series of mains.

—A beautiful marble has been found in California on the line of the newly built Southern Pacific Railroad. It is of snowy color and exquisitely threaded with amber-colored veins. Italian experts have pronounced it equal to the finest marbles known.

—A forward movement in the interest of science has recently been made in France by the foundation of an establishment for taking photographs of objects of natural history or art. For this purpose the Government will employ the best photographers procurable, and will place at their command the most improved apparatus and methods.

—Besides being valuable as an instrument of warfare, the torpedo promises to be of great service in clearing away sunken obstacles in frequented channels. A sunken steamer which has seriously impeded the navigation of the river Humber, in England, for 12 months past has recently been most effectually removed by sinking and exploding a torpedo amidst the wreck.

—A mineral has been found in Kern County, Cal., which is puzzling the geologists, no one knowing what to call it. It is opaque; in color, tin white; luster, metallic; laminated; soft; yields to the finger-nail; leaves a streak the

color of amalgam on the back of looking-glasses; it is unchanged by a heat which reduces a Hungarian crucible; is perfectly insoluble in nitric or muriatic acids or any of their combinations, and has a specific gravity about equal to that of mispickel.

—The latest statistics of the wages of the European laborer are as follows for all sorts of factory operatives: Antwerp (men), \$128 a year; Prussia (generally women and men), from \$1.12 to \$3.75 per week for overseers; Austria, best hands \$6 per week, ordinary \$3.75; Berlin, from \$1.87 to \$3 per week; France, spinners 39 cents and weavers 73 cents a day. Wages in Great Britain are somewhat higher. In all countries the condition of mechanics is little or no better than that of operatives in factories, while that of the farm laborer is most deplorable and hopeless.

### School and Church.

—Fisk University, at Nashville, Tenn., has projected a training school for African missionaries.

—Bishop O'Connell, of California, has announced to his diocese that, according to instructions received from Rome, no Catholic can participate in "round dances" under pain of mortal sin.

—Pupils of the Parisian schools, who have obtained prizes in their respective classes, are to be sent on a pleasant trip to the seaside at the public expense. They will go under the direction of men who will lecture on the places visited.

—Samuel Moody was a New England revivalist over a hundred years ago. He wrote a book called "The Doleful State of the Damned, especially such as go to Hell from under the Gospel, aggravated by their apprehensions of the Saints' Happiness in Heaven."

—A bronze statue of Robert Raikes, the founder of Sunday-schools, will soon be placed in his native town in England—Gloucester. The money has been raised by a general subscription under the auspices of the English Sunday-school Union.

—The venerable Dr. Suddards, rector of Grace Church, Philadelphia, is the oldest Episcopal minister in that city, and has been settled for 43 years. Fifty years ago he was pastor of a primitive Methodist church in England. The Doctor is a hearty old gentleman yet, and looks as if he might be good for twenty years more of efficient service.

—There is in London a "Ragged Church and Chapel Union," the object of which is the holding of religious services among those whose ragged clothes keep them from ordinary places of worship. Last year the Union supplied one hundred stations. The annual report states that "not only have the very poor been reached, instructed, and benefited, but many backsliders from the fold of Christ have been reclaimed, many drunkards reformed, and large additions made to the number of communicants in our regular and recognized places of worship."

—The Rev. George R. Kramer was a Methodist and had charge of the Asbury Church in Wilmington, Del. He is now preaching in a tent, and has organized a new church which he calls "The Church of the Believers." His new notions are to the effect "that the soul is only the breath of the body, and at death returns to God who gave it, loses its personality, and becomes absorbed in the divinity. At the resurrection of the body God will breathe into it a new soul. Christ will reign on earth with his saints, and the resurrected wicked will be cast into hell, not to suffer forever, but to be destroyed as quickly as possible, or, in other words, to be annihilated." The "Church of the Believers" is not attracting many.

### Haps and Mishaps.

—John Mahoney and Thomas Winn were killed at Worcester, Mass., by being crushed under a falling wall.

—Ira Morgan, aged 10, of Orleans, Ind., lived just three hours after kindling the fire with kerosene. His flesh was burned to a crisp from head to foot.

—The fatal thrasher: Near Fort Wayne, Ind., John Dingman had an arm torn from its socket while tending a thrashing-machine.—Near Mount Eaton, Ohio, Harry Dill had one leg torn off close to his body. He died in a few hours.

—Lightning's victims: J. J. Hiller, of Detroit, Mich., while at work on a farm near Northfield, took refuge from the

rain under a tree, which was struck by lightning. He was instantly killed, and his companion, R. L. Greer, was dangerously hurt.—At Marshall, Mich., a young man named Lake, who was riding with a lady named Hutchins, also drove for shelter under a tree, which was hit by a bolt of lightning. He was instantly killed and his companion was seriously stunned.

—Self-murderers: Charles Marchal, prompter for Aimee's French Opera bouffe troupe, jumped overboard from the steamer Labrador, while en route to New York, and was drowned. After tea he went on deck and addressed the people assembled there as follows: "Ladies and gentlemen, good-by all. God bless you." He then sprang into the sea.—George Clendenning, a druggist, killed himself at Kokomo, Ind., by taking arsenic. He left a letter, stating his failure to procure work drove him to kill himself.—Henry Hammel, better known as "Uncle Henry," proprietor of the Travelers' Home Hotel, Cambridge City, Ind., committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. Cause unknown, unless crazed by whisky, of which it is said he had been partaking freely lately.—Samuel Davenport, an old citizen of Humboldt, Iowa, committed suicide by hanging himself. Cause not known.—Freeman Walker, a farmer, aged 25, and but three months married, hung himself on account of domestic infelicity. He lived 12 miles east of Fort Wayne, Ind.

—Fatal firearms: At Council Bluffs, Iowa, Joseph Coyne dropped his revolver on the sidewalk. It was discharged, the ball hitting Edward Dorland in the groin, causing a fatal wound.—At Minneapolis, Minn., Horatio N. Farnham and Dr. Buchu had returned from hunting and were ascending the stairs to Farnham's room, when a dog dashed past them, overthrowing the Doctor and causing the discharge of his gun. The charge took effect on Farnham's person, causing a very painful, if not mortal, wound.—Phillip Morris, son of Evan Morris, of Girard, Ohio, accidentally shot and instantly killed a boy named L. Lewellyn, aged 14 years, while hunting.—Near Monticello, Ind., Phillip Mikesell, a farmer, accidentally shot his wife, who came in range of his gun as he was about to shoot a chicken. She was thought to be mortally hurt.—At Chicago, Ill., Willie Wightman, aged 10, shot himself while hunting, with a revolver. The ball entered below the heart, and came out below the left shoulder blade.—Prof. O. R. Smith, Principal of the Sparta (Wis.) High School, was seriously wounded by the discharge of his gun while returning in a wagon from a hunting expedition at Pole Grove, 40 miles north of Sparta.—Maggie Anderson of Meriden, Ct., aged 17, shot herself dead through the lungs while handling her brother's revolver that she thought unloaded.

### Foreign Notes.

—The regular price of a programme in a London theater is sixpence.

—The gifts of pilgrims to the Pope, during the celebration of his jubilee, amounted to \$3,295,276 20, of which \$1,818,000 was in coin.

—Mme. Christine Nilsson is to perform in St. Petersburg and Moscow twice a week for three months, receiving \$1,500 for each appearance.

—Mr. Ruskin is about to organize a number of excursions of working people to places of interest throughout England, and will accompany them in the capacity of instructor.

—It is suggested to English and American travelers abroad not to have their letters addressed "Esquire," as foreign post-offices fancy it is a name—hence delays and losses of letters.

—There is a report that Queen Victoria, the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Argyll are all investigators of Spiritualistic phenomena; and furthermore it is said that "Princess Beatrice is a very fine medium."

—"Throat renovation" is one of the latest of Parisian novelties. By the use of a wonderful lotion, the throat, which has become wrinkled and discolored by age or illness, is restored to its pristine beauty, and the wearer is enabled, while the effect lasts, to pass herself off for a youthful belle.

—Paris has it that James Gordon Bennett has found a new love over seas, and his fiancée is declared to be a

Frenchwoman, a resident of the Faubourg St. Germain, owning the blood of the old noblesse. The future Mrs. Bennett, it is asserted, can not speak a word of English, but he can speak French fluently.

—The really remarkable man of France at the present moment is Thiers. Sixty years ago he had won a reputation; forty years ago he was Prime Minister; the first volumes of his history were written fifty years ago. He was on friendly terms with Talleyrand and Wellington, and is to-day spoken of by all France in an affectionate way as "Papa Thiers."

—One of the curiosities of next year's great Exhibition at Paris will be the building of the Persian National Palace, which is to cover not less than 170 square meters, and is to be erected by Persian architects and workmen. These have just arrived in Paris, and are immediately to set to work on its construction; the walls are to be—of course Persian-wise—covered with *faience*, and the windows are to be of colored glass.

—A clever Republican Mayor in a French commune has been removed. He received a number of documents to be posted, and he posted them in accordance with the letter if not with the spirit of the Prefect's instructions. He put the Marshal's speech at Bourges on the bulletin-board; pasted the *Bulletin des Communes*, detested of all Republicans, over it; pasted the call for the reservists over that, and the game laws over that—then went on his way rejoicing.

### Odds and Ends.

—People learn wisdom by experience. A man never wakes up his second baby to see it laugh.

—Sit down and see how fast you can say: "Shoes and socks shock Susan in an inexplicable manner, and inexorably she ceaseeth sheathing her shoes."

—A good little boy who was kicked by a mule did not say naughty words or go home crying to his mother; he just tied the mule within five feet of a beehive, backed him round to it, and let him kick.

—It is the rule that the young man who receives \$10 a week eats his 35-cent meal at the restaurant right alongside the man who earns \$100 per week, and who cautiously turns the check by his plate to see that it reads "Please pay at the counter—15 cents."

—From his perch in an upper window a cynical bachelor counted ninety-nine women who passed on their way to church. Of the ninety-and-nine, all but nine wore new gowns and turned their heads to look at the "hang and the flow" of their drapery as they went along.

—A youngster at the table the other night asked his mother if sausages were ripe yet, and was told that sausages did not grow. "Yes they do," said he stoutly, "for I saw a whole branch of green ones in a fruit store to-day." It was necessary to enlighten him with regard to the difference between bananas and sausages.

—Shallow paragraphers may pen flippant sayings about the much-abused watermelon and green peach, but these articles are as cooling doves when compared with the sleep-murdering, peace-destroying waffle that has been tanned on both sides over a slow fire and toughened by a systematic sweating process carried on between two plates.

—"Ladies and gentlemen," said the urbane and cultured showman, "this is the wonderful anaconda in his native state—one of the most deadly and ferocious of his species, but now, under our taming process, gentle as a pet lamb and frolicsome as a kitten."

"He can swallow himself, go through himself. Comes out with the greatest facility; Ties himself in a bow-knot and snaps his tail. And winks with the greatest agility."

It is a strange thing to see a city chap at a country party, but he was there, and in his conversation with one of the prettiest lasses ventured to inquire: "Were you ever at a watering-place?" "Oh, yes," replied she, "I live right at one." "Indeed!" exclaimed he, growing interested, "where might it be?" "Oh, just out here a little way," was her innocent reply, "my father keeps the railroad tank!"